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SUBJECT: PHILIPPI PEAT PROJECT

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1. CONFIRMING INFO CONTAINED REFS MINISTER OF
NORTHERN GREECE NICOLAOS MARTIS TOLD US DURING MAY 6
LUNCHEON HOSTED BY IESC DIRECTOR BURNS THAT PURSUANT
HIS URGING, PM KARAMANLIS HAD ORDERED PHILIPPI
PEAT PROJECT ABANDONED. MARTIS ADDED THAT IN 1960
AS MINISTER OF INDUSTRY HE HAD SUCCESSFULLY FOUGHT PROJECT,
BUT THAT PPC HAD REVIVED IT DURING JUNTA REGIME
AND FORCED ITS ACCEPTANCE.

2. MARTIS STATED THAT DECISION TO ABANDON PROJECT
WOULD COST GREECE 1.2 BILLION DRACHMAS (\$40 MILLION),
SOME OF WHICH MIGHT BE RECOUPED BY OTHER USE OF
PROJECT EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS AT ADDITIONAL LIGNITE
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ENERGY UNIT NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION AT PTOLEMAIS.

IN ANSWER TO QUERY, HE WAS UNABLE ASCRIBE REASON TO
SOVIET DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT HERE DURING TIME WHEN
PHILIPPI PROJECT WAS IN STATE OF CONSIDERABLE
UNCERTAINTY.

3. MARTIS ASSERTED THAT GREECE'S ENERGY NEEDS
COULD BE MORE THAN ADEQUATELY MET "FOR NEXT 30 YEARS"
THROUGH EXPLOITATION OF PROVEN LIGNITE DEPOSITS,
FURTHER HYDRO-ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION IN NORTHERN GREEK
RIVER SYSTEM, AND ANTICIPATED OIL AND NATURAL GAS
FINDS SUCH AS THASSOS.
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